

Helping or Hindering the Preacher Sunday School Times.

Pulpit and pew are more intimately related than most parishioners suppose. It is hard for the speaker who has a large block of empty seats just in front of him to wax eloquent. He is spending a large proportion of nerve force and vocal energy just to overcome that depressing barrier of nothingness that confronts him. He finds the church walls lined all around with "hearers," and quite a gathering in the rear center, of those who are perhaps complaining that the speaker isn't loud or distant enough. They would not for anything accommodate themselves to the preacher by filling in that dismal blank space that confronts and disheartens him. They do not know, when they criticize him as dull and uninteresting, that they are probably about half responsible for that dullness; they do not think of the wear and tear they are subjecting him simply to gratify their unreasonable indisposition to move forward. Cicero has come down thru the ages as a reputable orator, and yet even he said, "The orator is what his audience makes him."

Rosedale Items

We now come to the EVANGELIST with a report for the month of February.

Taking the three congregations together, Rosedale, Union Chapel in Upper Yoder, Mt. Everett, we will say that they are still in working order. The Sunday schools are doing excellent work. The attendance in all services is good but could be better and there could be more religion in our community than what there is so you see there is still something for each of us to do.

We have organized a singing class in Rosedale and have secured Victor V. Maucher to instruct us in voice training, Italian method. Thus far the class has been doing good work. The three congregations have given us a unanimous call to take charge of the work at this place for another year beginning April 1, 1900.

The work in this field of labor has its advantages and its disadvantages just like all others places I presume, and we have buried ten people since we have taken charge of this work but yet after all this is said we must say the Lord has abundantly blessed us.

ALVIN BYERS.

Program for the Elkhart Co., Union Meeting, to be held at Mt. Union, Ind., March 31 and April 1, 1900

SATURDAY, 10:30 A. M., MARCH 31

Devotional service, brother E. Fryman.

"Young Peoples' Work," Mrs. Mary Felt-house.

Bible reading, Rev. H. B. Flora.

Singing by congregation.

Recitation, Lattie Stuckman.

Miscellaneous business.

1:30 P. M.

Devotional service, Brother Swartz.

Bible reading, Rev. A. S. Menaugh.

Recitation, Pearl Malcolm.

Open Conference on Sisters' Work, conducted by Mrs. Early, assisted by Mrs. Bemenderfer.

Report of churches.

Query box and collection.

7:30 P. M.

Communion services.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

9:30, Union Sunday school.

10:30, Sermon, Rev. H. B. Flora.

7:30, Sermon, Rev. D. F. Eckenberry.

EZRA LEEDY, Pres.

NAOMI WILSON, Sec.

Matrimonial

VIPOND—CHIPPERFIELD—Feb. 14, at the home of Brother Thomas Chipperfield, Altoona, sister Annie Chipperfield to Harry H. Vipond.

WENGERT—DILLING.—March 6th, sister Mollie Dilling to Harry Wengert, son of Dr. J. M. Wengert. All of Fredericksburg, Blair Co.

W. L. SPANOGLE

MOORE—MICHAEL—Mr. William E. Moore and Mrs. Lydia C. Michael were joined in marriage at the home of the undersigned, March 11, 1900. Mr. Moore is one of our best citizens and Mrs. Moore is a member of the church at Mt. Pleasant, and is respected by all who know her. They launch out into the future having the well wishes of the entire community.

JOHN M. FOX.

STANSELL—GARDNER—At my residence, New Virginia, Iowa, Jan. 21, 1900, Mr. Fred Stansell and Miss Susan Gardner, by the writer.

JESSE—HUGHS—At the home of the bride's mother in New Virginia, Iowa, March 11, 1900, by the undersigned, Mr. John W. Jesse and sister Mary C. Hughs. May sweet peace and happiness be theirs thru life.

I. J. THOMAS.

Our Dead

HARRIS—"Safe in the arms of Jesus," is little Ester W. Harris whose earthly life of 10 months and 27 days began April 13, 1899 and ended March 10, 1900. Too frail and fair for the storms of life the Master sent the angel of death to bear her away to the sunny clime of Heaven to bask in the sunshine of His smiles forever. Funeral service held in the Flora Brethren church Monday A. M., attended by a large circle of friends.

JOHN M. FOX.

HOFFMAN.—Philip Hoffman was born in Bavaria, German Empire, July 11, 1821, died in Akron, Ind., March 6, 1900. He was a member of the Brethren church, noted for his deep piety, brotherly affections and loyalty to his church.

B. H. FLORA.

FORD.—Gladys May Ford, daughter of Mr. Emanuel Ford and Mrs. Lizzie Ford, died at her home Feb. 21, 1900 in Rosedale, aged 1 year, 9 months and 3 days. She was a lovely little girl and was a fit subject for the kingdom of Heaven, for the scripture says of such is the kingdom of heaven. She was a blessing to her parents and they miss her so much. We say to them be prepared to meet your God in peace and when life and its labors are over with you, you shall meet her again on that bright and golden shore where the faithful part no more. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home. Interment Pleasant Hill cemetery.

ALVIN BYERS.

Ashland College.



The Spring Term

BEGINS

Tuesday, March 27, 1900.

We are just closing the best term we have ever had. This is true with respect to the attendance, but especially as to the character of the work done.

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